

## Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 31 January 2023

Please see below a brief summary of the main topics of discussion at the recent meeting of UCRI:

### **Main topics of interest:**

At this meeting we:

- Welcomed 2 teams to present their potential proposals and draft EoIs for the Research England E3 Expanding in England Fund Call 2024 to 2028. The presentations were followed by a Q&A session. We will be giving both projects further consideration before reaching a final decision as to which proposal to support.
- Discussed the newly developed Public Engagement with Research Action Plan (PER) which has been developed by a working group delegated by UCRIPE. The model is currently being rolled out and comprises of a 3 year flexible plan which will firmly embed the PER process into funding bids, to build capacity and investment. We gave our approval for incremental HEIF funding.

### **In other news we:**

- Discussed and approved the format for the Research Awards 2023. We agreed the budget for the event which will be funded by Research Culture funding.
- Approved RETF funding to support the delivery of the Impact Strategy.
- Discussed and approved 12 applications received to the Annual Research Equipment and Infrastructure Fund (AREIF) competition; 8 bids to be funded by RETF and 4 bids to be funded by NIRD.